



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. 98,541-C)

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Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - A. Letter RE Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
 - B. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
 - C. Form PTO-1449
 - D. Cited Reference
 - E. Postcard
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Biological Samples and Cell Conditioning)
on Automated Staining Instruments)

Examiner: Yelena G. Gakh
Group Art Unit: 1743

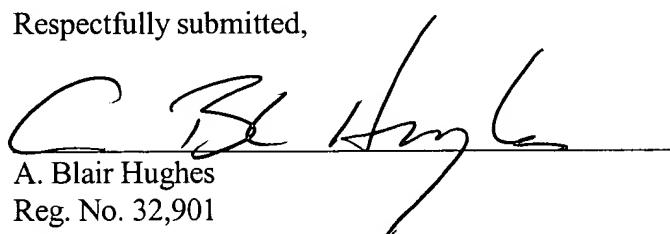
LETTER RE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

The accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing of the First Official Action in the above-referenced case. Therefore, a check for \$180.00 required by the filing of this paper is attached.

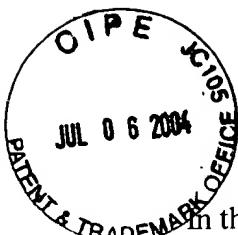
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97-1.98, applicant wishes to make the following reference of record in the above-identified application. This reference may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. Copy of the reference cited below is enclosed along with a completed Form-1449.

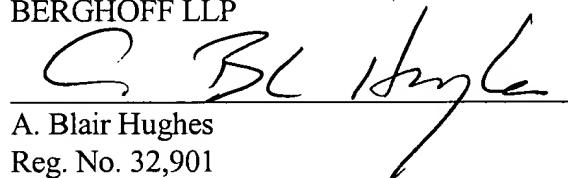
Other Documents

1. Yorukoglu, et al., Letter to the Editor, *Applied Immunochemistry* (1997).

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc).

		Yorukoglu, et al., Letter to the Editor, <i>Applied Immunochemistry</i> (1997).

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